

NORTHERN LOG CABINS
and
COTTAGES

"Built By Michigan Woodsmen"

THE NORTHERN LOG CABIN COMPANY
IRON RIVER, MICHIGAN

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GREETING

In succeeding pages we exhibit as a guide to our friends, illustrations of Northern Log Cabins, the product of an organization of specialists in log work. Floor plans, dimensions and detail are arbitrary: we build any sort of cabin to order to meet the particular requirements or to fulfill the ideals of that "perfect" cabin you have had in mind so long.

We do not build makeshifts or imitation log cabins. In our experience nothing is so appropriate, so durable, so comfortable in both winter and summer for the woods dwelling as a well built log cabin. No frame structure can approach it in attractiveness if properly made. With these facts in mind, we have striven to make every structure a masterpiece of our woodmen's skill with the axe, saw and adz.

We are, therefore, less concerned in the marketing of building material than we are in making this skilled service available to you. To you that harbor that insatiable craving for action with rod and gun in your north woods stamping ground, we express our sympathy and understanding. We express it more clearly in our cabins. As comfortable as old clothes, as neat as a new car, they satisfy your soul.

Our policy is simply this: Every cabin must be a good one ---
an unsolicited advertisement of our workmanship.

Cordially yours

THE NORTHERN LOG CABIN CO.

CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHERN CABINS.

MATERIAL

All of our log cabins are built of straight, even tapering, sound softwoods, such as pine, balsam, cedar, spruce and tamarack. Unless otherwise specified, all logs are peeled to insure seasoning and durability. In each cabin even sized logs are selected, so that when the building is completed there are no ill fitting or odd sized logs in its make-up.

In the vertical types, we ordinarily use eight foot logs in the walls, and correspondingly shorter ones in the gables and porch railings. For vertical type cabins 6" to 8" logs are used.

In the horizontal type cabins, using logs laid one on top of each other, we use timbers 6 to 10" in top diameter, depending upon the size of the cabin. In all cases, however, each wall is made up of even sized logs, varying very little in taper and appearance.

CHINKING:

Our cabins are carefully built. The logs are set as closely together as the material will permit. Very little chinking is required. Where very large logs are desired, we use a metal mesh lath which is nailed in the inter-space as a base for plaster or cement.

On vertical types we recommend and use oakum for chinking, covering it on both the inner and outer walls with strips of quarter round. The latter may be stained to harmonize or contrast with the logs. In the smaller cottages where horizontally laid logs are used, oakum and quarter round are to be preferred.

We employ the Finnish method of grooving and peaking the logs thru-out their entire length when this class of construction is desired. In this method the top of each log is trimmed to a sharp apex, the bottom of the next upper log is grooved to fit tightly over this apex, forming, when packed with oakum, an almost water tight junction. An example of this construction is illustrated in "The Sand Lake Club-House" pictured in one of the following pages.

CORNER CONSTRUCTION:

In the horizontal types we use two methods of corner fitting: The square mortise and the round notch. In the latter we let the logs project beyond the notch about 6 or 8 inches to give the necessary rustic effect desirable in a log cabin. The ends are trimmed to a plumbed vertical line so that all ends are exactly even.

FOUNDATION:

With each cabin we provide necessary ground posts of large cedar. In specifying the type of cabin you are interested in make sure that you note in your inquiry blank the depth of top soil on which your cabin is to be erected, as well as the distance above the ground you wish the floor line to be.

For construction on site, where the customer does not arrange to erect his own foundation with local labor, we will put in foundations with our own experienced employees.

FIREPLACES AND STONE WORK:

We constantly maintain a force of experienced stoneworkers capable of doing this sort of work. In ready made cabins, prices do not include stone and plaster work. Prices submitted for jobs on site, however, include all stone work, erection, ground clearing, staining, painting and finishing.

WINDOWS, DOORS, SCREENS, etc..

In the inquiry blank on the last page, you will find blank spaces for specifications to cover all points and details of the cabin you wish to build. Unless otherwise specified, our windows and doors, door frames, etc., are of a good grade of white pine, susceptible to painting.

LUMBER:

For roofing and base flooring for double floors, we use No. 1 planed matched hemlock. In single floors, we furnish 1" top dressed matched fir. Trim, quarter round etc., we furnish in white pine. Hardwood floors furnished if desired.

ROOFING:

We will furnish any type of roofing desired. We recommend a three ply slate covered green or red paper, or if something more elaborate is desired, slate covered shingles or White Cedar shingles. Multi colored or so called autumn leaf roofing and shingles are the last word in attractiveness.

STAINING:

For construction on site, we of course do all the necessary staining and painting. For log cabins the light browns, greens, and light oaks, or natural stains are the most popular. Linseed oil on barked logs gives about the best effect attainable. Some owners go farther and varnish the interiors, using no stain or coloring.

In ready made cottages we will supply at your option any color desired in sufficient quantities to cover all woodwork

NORTHERN READY MADE CABINS.

Our ready made cabins and cottages are real log cabins. Using selected timbers (peeled unless otherwise specified by the customer) we build the cabin complete, fitting the doors and windows, screens, etc., but we do not cut the floor and roof boards to fit, nor cut the roofing in proper sized strips. Rafters, joists, plates, and braces are of peeled straight poles cut to fit. All parts are then numbered and lettered for assembly at destination, the cabin dismantled and loaded for shipment.

Our ready made cabins are therefore emphatically well made, and easily assembled. Full instructions for each cabin in detail accompany each shipment.

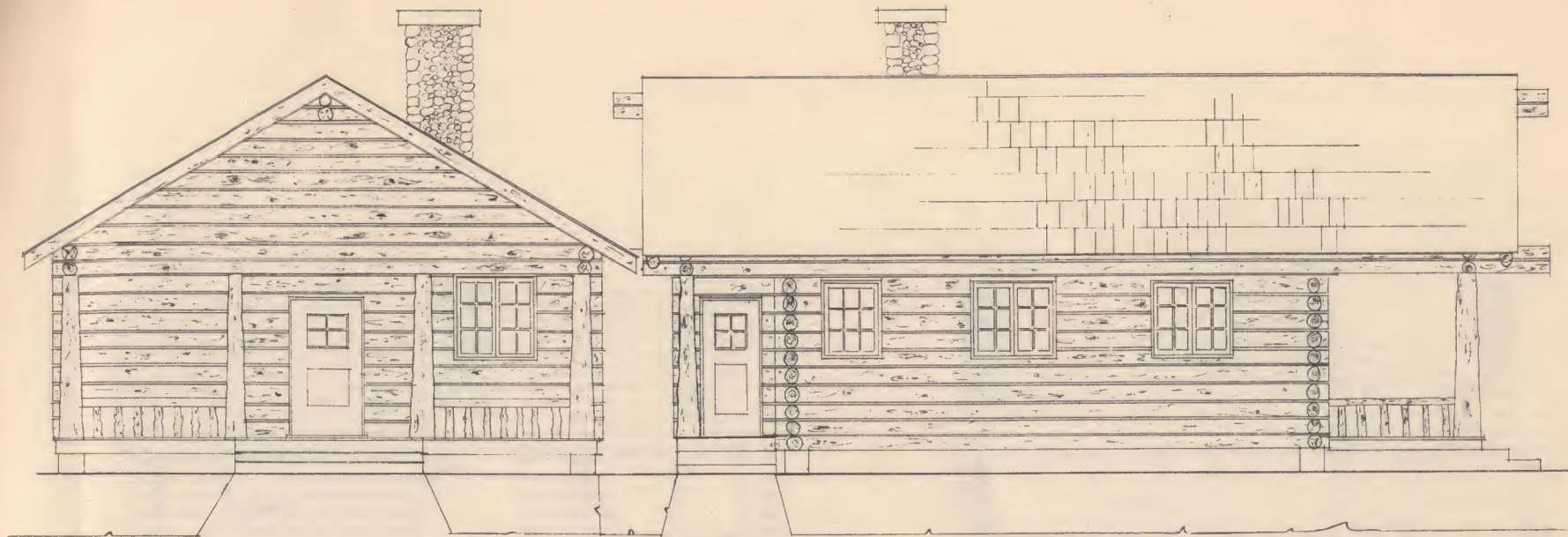
FREIGHT:

In order to quote on any cabin, we must know the name of the station to which the cabin is to be shipped. Two of the smaller cabins may be loaded on one car, thus cutting the freight charge on each fully fifty per cent, as all shipments of this sort of material are rated at minimum car load weights.

CONSTRUCTION ON SITE:

The larger cabins, we prefer to erect on site, shipping in timber from this point, or using local timber if suitable logs are available. We will send a crew of men to any location in the United States or Canada where any large or a number of small buildings are desired. All work is warranted to comply with terms agreed upon between this concern and any of its customers.

NOW LOOK AT THE ILLUSTRATION. IF YOU FIND A MODEL THAT YOU LIKE IT WILL BE EASY FOR US. IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT, SAY A COMBINATION OF SOME OF THE FEATURES IN DIFFERENT MODELS, OR SOMETHING YOU HAVE HAD IN MIND FOR SOME TIME, TURN TO THE BACK PAGE AND FILL OUT THE INQUIRY BLANK IN FULL.



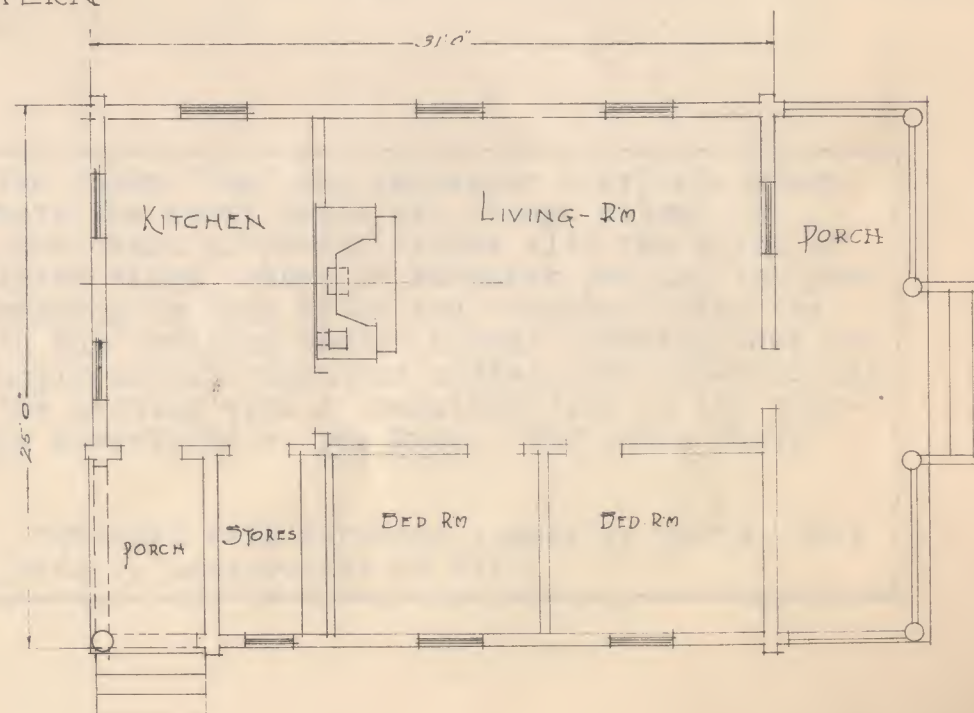
FRONT ELEV.

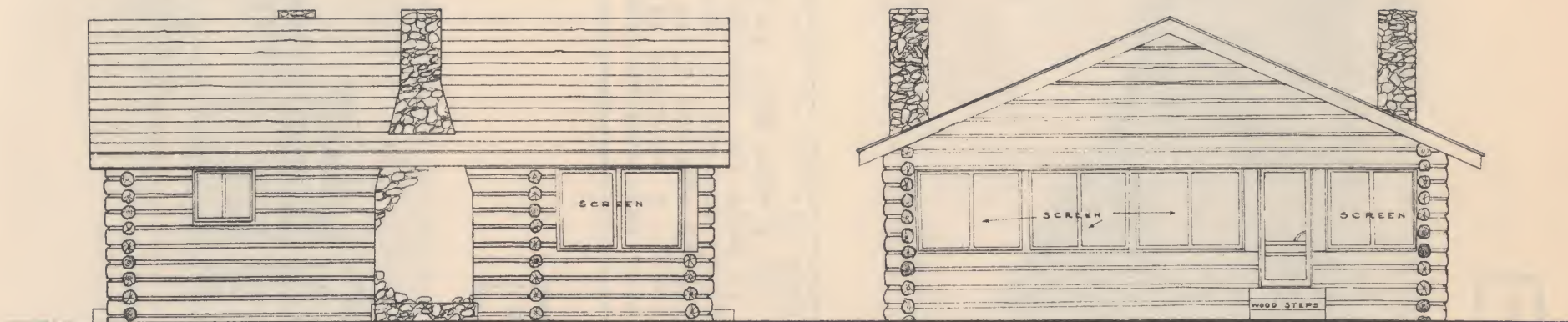
SIDE ELEV.

"THE NORTHERN"

A neat cabin that has proved very popular as a summer cottage for the small family, as well as a much sought retreat for a group of hunters or fishermen. Comfortable in summer or winter. Provided with a storage space formed by the gable and ceiling of the porch. Made up in sizes to suit customer. Shipped ready made or constructed on site.

See page 8 for other floor plans.





"THE OJIBWAY"

A man's cabin. Just the thing for the lucky "fan" who possesses a private stamping ground -- that cool woods retreat where the trout pools are always potent in summer; where on frosty autumn mornings the crack of powder blends with the whirr of the grouses flight or the whistle of mallard wings; where in November you can let your whiskers grow until at last some early morning on Buck Ridge you "connect" with the grandfather of them all -- that buck with the "rocking chair" horns. Cooking that no hostelry can imitate -- flapjacks with maple sirup, bacon and coffee, hot biscuits and venison steak -- a session of poker in the evening with a crackling fire in the fireplace -- an unmodified review of the days adventures -- you know. The cabin where memories are made.

Made in sizes to suit the customer. Equipped with screened logged-in porch, full log walls, well lighted. Shipped ready made or constructed on site.

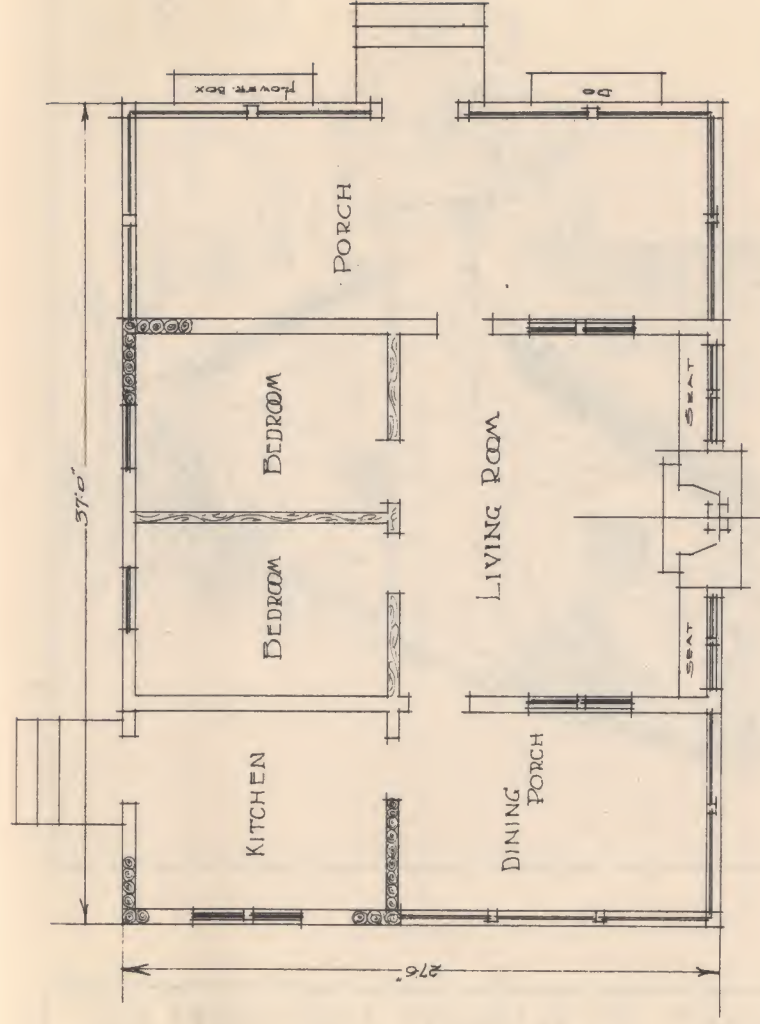


The Michigan

An attractive log cottage equipped with screened-in porch with ample room for sleeping accommodations. A combined kitchen and dining porch, cool and airy, and screened against flies and other insects, makes "The Michigan" an ideal cottage for summer use. The logs may be stained in colors to suit the customer with window trim in contrast. Something one can always sell to advantage -- provided you are willing to sell it.



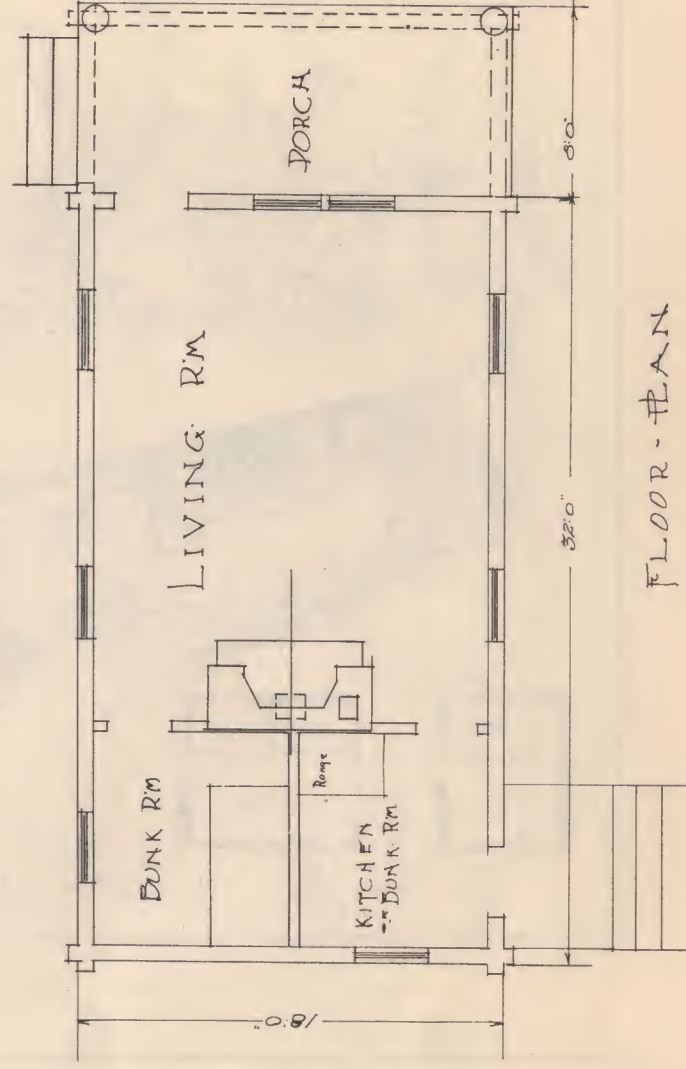
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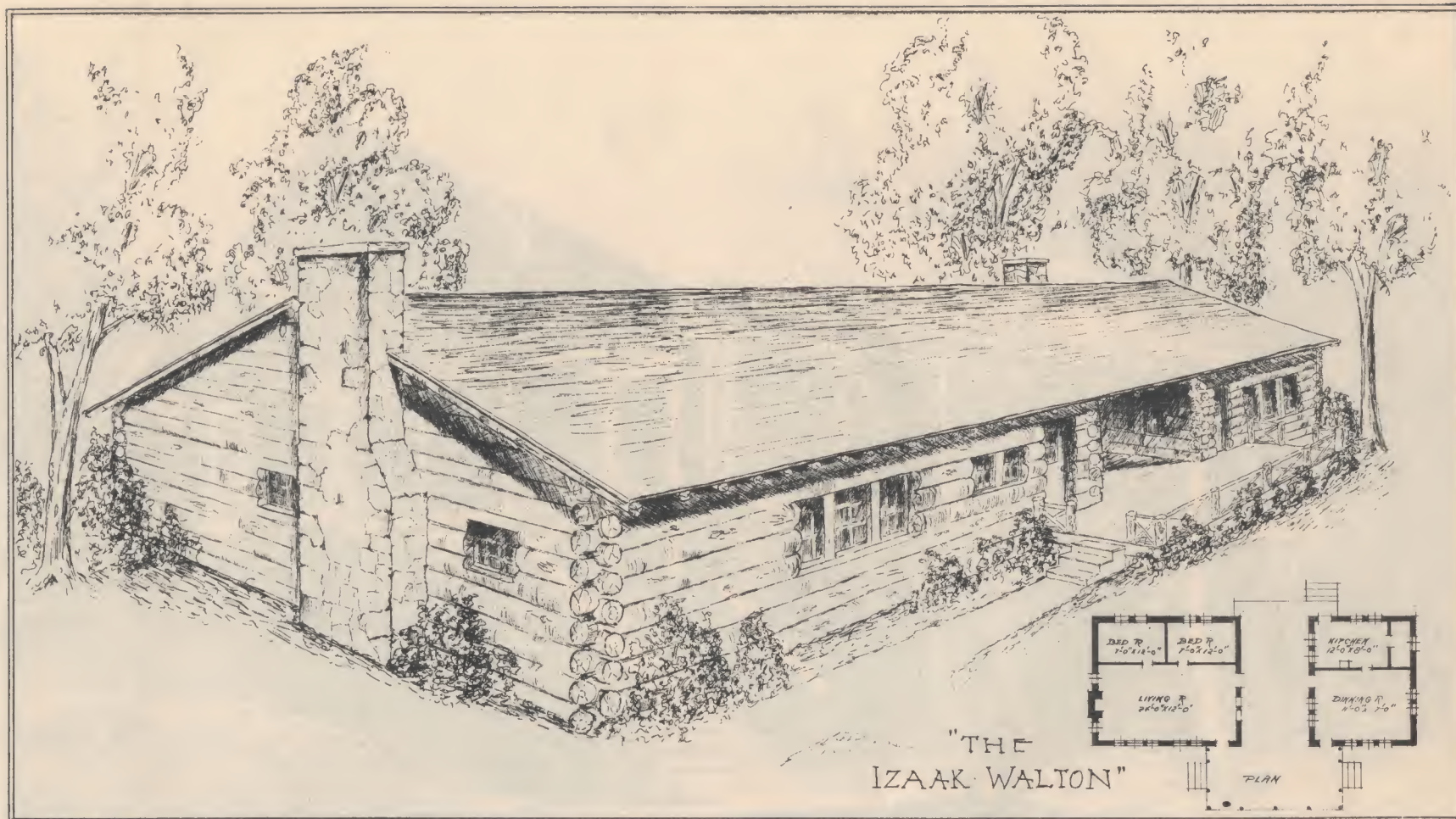
FLOOR PLAN
OF
"THE MICHIGAN"

A simple floor plan for any medium sized cabin or cottage.

Adapted to The Northern, The Pawnee, The Rendezvous, and The Ojibway.



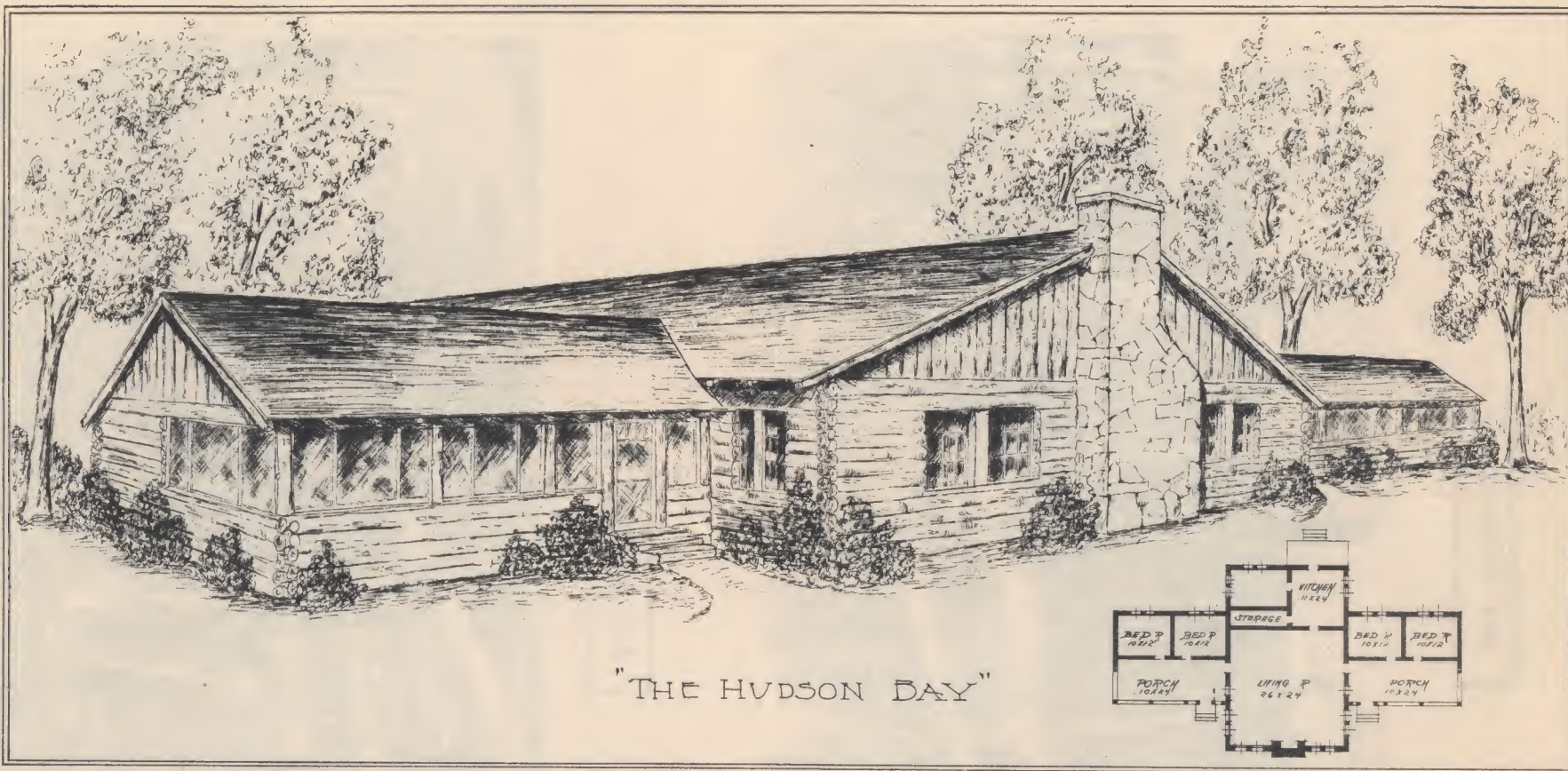
FLOOR PLAN



Old timers will recognize the "lay-out" and the value of the breezy area way between the eating and living parts of the structure. An ideal camp for a party of Izaak Waltons or a group of out door enthusiasts. The experienced woods-goer will appreciate the large living room, as well as the fact that most parties are made up of people with varying ideas of the time to rise and breakfast. The segregated kitchen effectively shuts off all noise, heat and objectionable odors from the living section of the camp.



Sans Souci



A cabin that some of you have been looking for. Equipped with four bedrooms, two screened porches, an extra large living room and a great stone fireplace, this cabin is particularly suitable for the two family groups or small club.

Cool and spacious in summer, it may be made attractive for winter outings by glassing-in the porches and equipping it with suitable heating apparatus.

Constructed on site. Prices on application.



The Pawnee



THE NORTHERN

The Northern



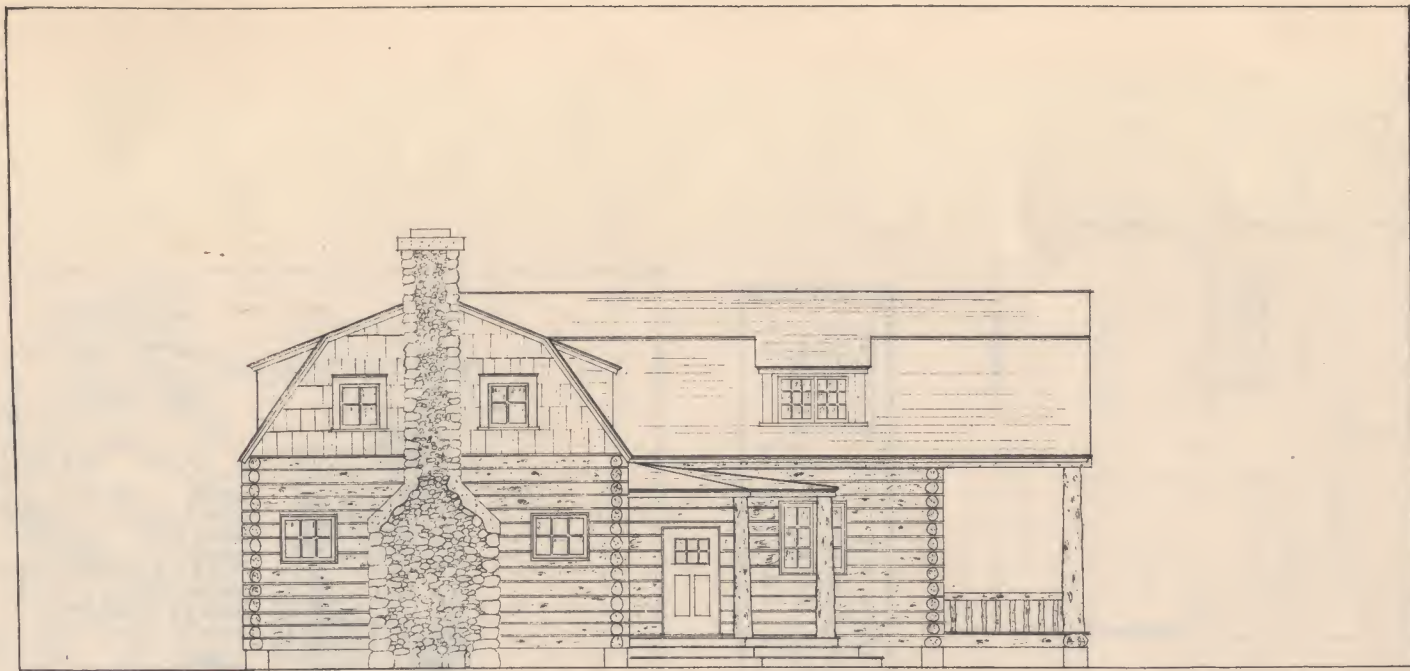
The Resorter



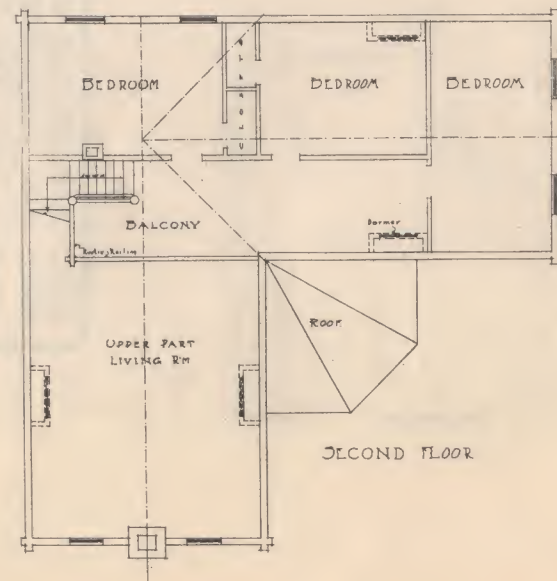
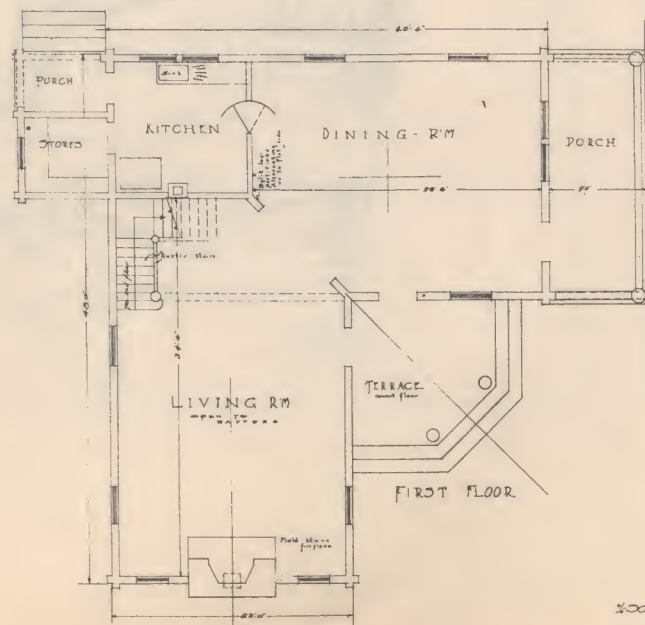
The Rendezvous



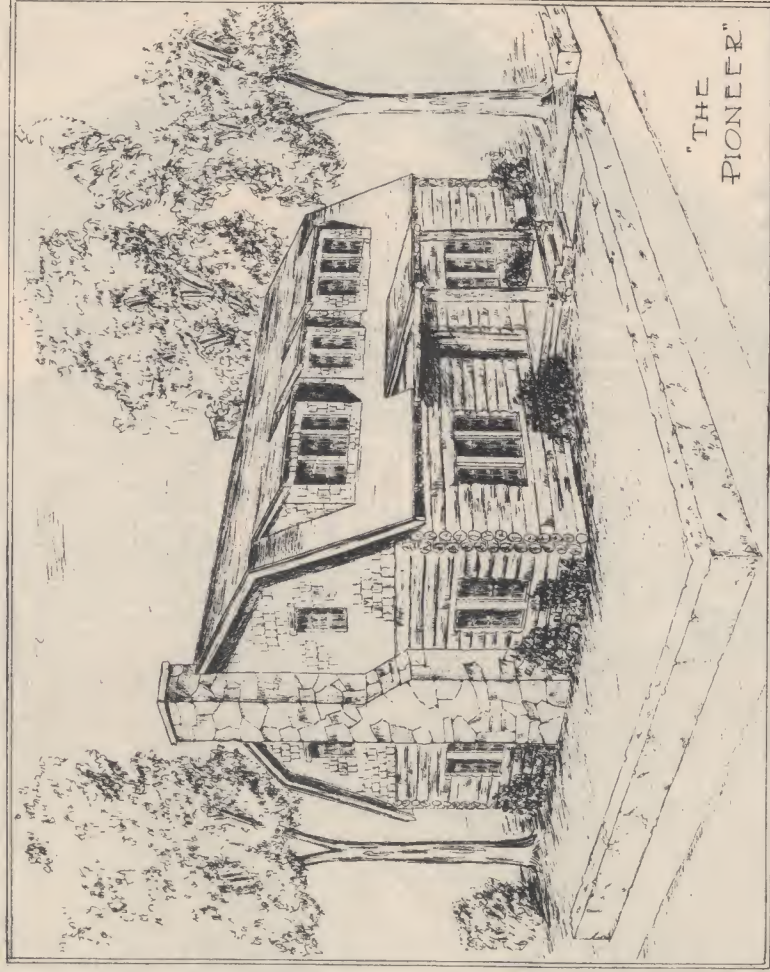
The Flambeau
Cedar Unbarked Logs.



"COMMUNITY-LODGE"

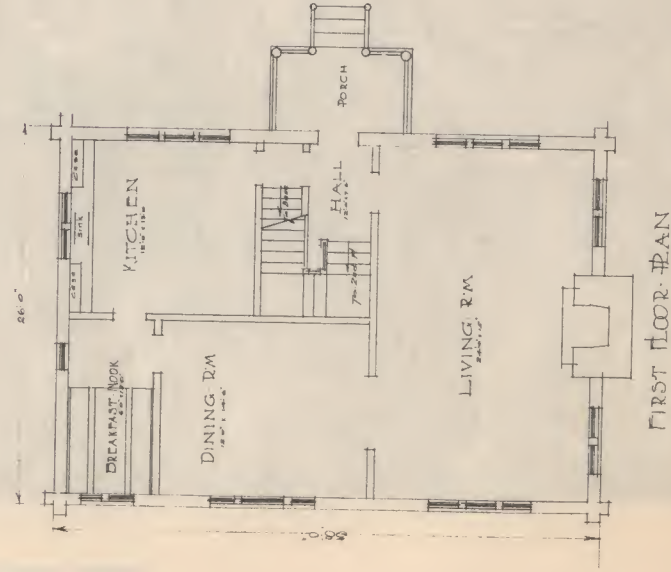


SCALE

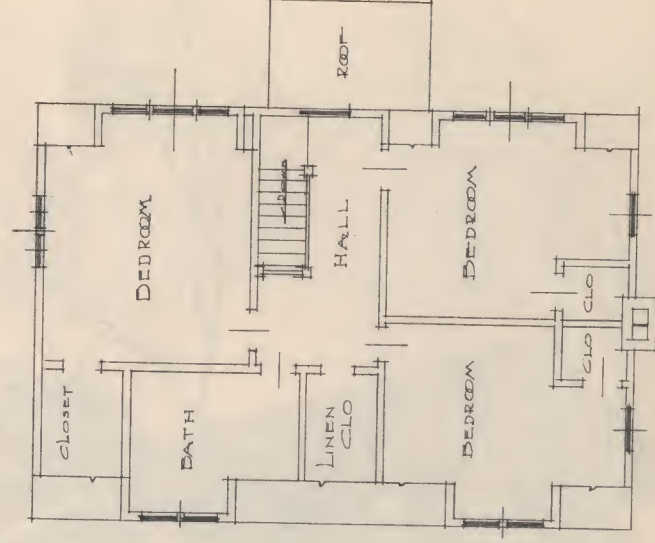


"THE
PIONEER"

A log house -- especially one built of selected logs and properly constructed with regard for workmanship and appearance -- is the most attractive and comfortable of all houses.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



Sand Lake Club House
Finnish Grooving. Mortised corners
Courtesy Sand Lake Club.



A Garage



A Garage



The Oneida



The Chippewa

Kiddie Cabins: Playhouses for Young Americans.

Built of seasoned peeled logs, stained and varnished in natural wood color inside and out. These are built of real logs to stand rough treatment. Built of durable pine, cedar or spruce and tamarack they will not rot or mildew.

Windows swing up and fasten at the top. Roof and floor of substantial lumber. Three ply roofing in red or green slate. Windows and doors of white pine, painted in clear white. Weight 800 Shipped K.D. or set up. Freight prepaid to within 500 miles of factory. Size 5' x 4' wide x 7' long inside.

Other sizes and types built to order.

Prices on application.

NAME

ADDRESS

SHIPPING POINT

- 1 I am interested the type log cabin.
- 2 I prefer (vertical or horizontal) laid logs.
- 3 I desire a room cabin with or without porch.
- 4 I should want screen porches
- 5 Window Screens
- 6 Door Screens
- 7 I should want a kitchen size ft ft
- 8 I should want a bedroom size ft ft
- 9 I should want bedrooms size ft ft
- 10 I should want a living room
- 11 I should want a dining room
- 12 I should want a dining and kitchen combined size ft ft
- 13 I should want a floor as follows:
- 14 I prefer shingles, roofing paper, slate covered
three ply felt, printed shingled, color blended
roll paper or shingles, or slate covered asphalt
shingles

- 15 Do you prefer stained or unstained logs
- 16 What color (send a sample from any color chart)
- 17 What type of corner construction do you prefer square
mortised, (dovetailed) or round notched with end projec-
tions
- 18 Do you want a fireplace
- 19 Do you want a foundation
- 20 Do you want basement sized
- 21 Do you want a single floor
Do you want a hardwood floor
- 22 Porch flooring to be single, double or hardwood
- 23 Have you suitable logs available on site ...
- 24 Is the ground cleared for building
- 25 Do you want a..... type) to be shipped ready made
or constructed on site
- 26 State the type of cabin you wish to have made to order
giving full details.

Inquiry No. Estimate by_____

Date

File No.

